B. Smith, at a late hour last evening, received ittees for the hospitals in Washington. Georgetown and Alexandria, are respectfully invited to send in their orders to the Patent

society, that these doctrines of the 50n of God beams to have made but little impression upon the mode but little impression upon the sure to come sooner or later. Aunul that human conduct in this world as yet. We still proclamation, as the frightened conservatives have wars; and this nation is carrying on a would have Mr. Lincoln do, and who will be answerable for the consequences? Service inthan anything of this kind witnessed upon the thestre of this world, in modern times at least of so ill-timed a step. It will, indeed, be a merry time when the sword is put back into the scabbard, and the nation shall have peace. It is a time deroutly favor is voluntary, and comes from the indicto be wished for, and we can hope and pray for vidual syrant's own volition, or is extorted from

to meet the trials that are upon us, doing our duty like men and like Christians to ameliorate

witnessed here before—the Christmas dinner to the sick and wounded soldiers in the hospitals. God in solemn prayer, and not with murderous got up under the auspices of Mrs. Secretary Smith and the noble ladies associated with her in this

Altogether, we have much cause for gratula-tion and for rejoicing, and let us therefore be merry in a rational way.

We wish our readers a joyous, merry Christ-We wish our readers a joyous, merry Christ-mas, and all the good from every source which can reasonably be looked for by mortals; en-joining upon them to do good as they have op-portunity, as did our great exemplar, the Salour of the world.

shall issue no paper on Friday.

THE PREDERICKSBURG DISASTER. The evidence taken and reported by the Con-gressional committee charged with the investiation of the disaster at Fredericksburg, although voluminous, will be carefully read and onsidered by the country.

It would appear from the statements of Gen.

Burnside himself, which form a part of this tendering his resignation during the recent evidence, that the movement of the army from Cabinet crisis, and the conduct of the Presidence, that the movement of the army from Cabinet crisis, and the conduct of the Presidence, that the movement and of the presidence of the p was an idea which he had entertained beforehe the subjects of general comment and of gen was appointed to the command of the army, and was an idea which his predecessor (Gen. McClellan) had entertained. In his account, as given sternation upon the announcement that this before the committee, of his conferences at Warrenton with the Secretary of War, Gen. Hallock, and Gen. Meigs, it is not stated that either of those official persons disapproved of the pro-posed movement. Nor is it stated, that either of them advised it. The impression upon this point, left by Gen. Burnside's statement, is, that the question of the line of advance, whether by Gordonsville or Frederickaburg, was left

to his sole discretion.

Nor does it appear that in crossing the Rappahannock, when and where he actually did cross it, he was controlled by superior authority here. If there was any such power behind ry here. If there was any costs and hazards, it was a diseased public opinion, which had been gotten up by irresponsible and witling clamorers for an "On to Richmond" policy. Indeed, the President himself appears to have interposed specially on the side of caution, by warning ton. Bursaide

costs and research that these errors were the result of his own courageous resentatives, on Monday evening next. The obedient servant,

(Signed)

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because, in fact, the danger does not lie in the direction which these sensitive people suspect. It is asserted, with appearant fear and tremb-ling, that if the President sticks to his proclamation, there will be trouble in this regard. Such a conclusion is absurd, and has no foun-dation in the nature of things. The danger does not lie in this direction. It is not in af-firming and maintaining the proclamation that service insurrection will find its incentive, but in the abandonment of that principle, and giving up the bondman to the hopeless

rited to senu.

To-day is Christmas, merry Christmas !—the grand old feetival, commemorative of the world's greatest event. It is the time of good cheer, of home greetings, of social interminglings, and of fond remembrances. Everybody has the right to be happy, and to enjoy the fertivities of this good old-time anniversary. But our country is now in such a condition that much of sorrow must necessarily mingle with the scenes of joy.

The negro, with all his ampidity, understands as well as we do, that his liberty can be secured only as fast as we, or our arms, achieve the control of the country where the slaves abound. This is understood by the negro in his bondage has to bring passes on nexth and as well as by us. He will, therefore, wait patiently for the hour of his release, believing that while Abraham Lincoln holds to the doctrine of his proclamation, the good time will be sure to come sooner or later. Aunoil the sure to come sooner or later. Aunoil the sure to come sooner or later. Aunoil the sure to come sooner or later. Aunoil the

him by external causes over which he can

exercise no control.

How was it in the British West Indies 7 The duty like men and like Christians to ameliorate slave there understood that his master gave the sufferings of the poor, and to aid those who him liberty per force of English law, enacted thousands of miles away in the little island of the seas. Did the slaves in those islands arise Christian and noble qualities in our people that the times of peace can never bring out.

To-day, this city is to witness a scene never cribeless yielded? Not at all. They received history, and it is human nature the world over. question like this than any amount of theori-zing and speculation, such as the fearful and

It is only when you cut off a man's freedon or attempt to subjugate him to the rule of despotism, that he resists you mate blood. This is the lesson of San Domingo. It is the lesson also, of history, ever since the world began. Let then the timid and mistaken conservatives. who would induce the President of the United States to withdraw his proclamation, cease their efforts in this direction. Their safety, the safety of the nation, and the safety of the slavehold-

The conduct of Secretary Chase, in promptly tendering his resignation during the recent

sternation upon the announcement that this great financial prop of the Administration was had overtaken General Burnside's army; and we are persuaded that it was only prevented from assuming the form of a financial and political panic by the well founded conviction that the President would, in no event, accept the chivalric sacrifice, uncalled-for as it was by tion in relation to the great question before the country. This incident was wanting to fully convince the Secretary of the Treasury of the high estimation in which he is held by his coun-

It has been remarked that the men who the more prominent actors who appear upon the stage during their progress. But the remark is not applicable to the men

who organize revolutions. It is well known

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MR. PENDLETON, of Ohio, nal of the House,

pos Government stocks. This looks woll.

THE NEW CLAD PATAPSCO, built at Wilmingon, will arrive at the navy yard, in Philade phia, on Friday. She is of the Monitor fleet.

Tun Post Overice at New London, Conn. 

HORATIO SETMONTA, soon to be Governor of New York has, it is said offered to Major ague, of the U. S. A., the position of Adjutant General.

Tun Pausment has not yet signed the bill admitting Western Virginia. It did not reach him officially till Tuesday.

GEN. RUPUS KING IS III at the National. 6nk, LANE, of Kansas, is intending to introuce a bill into the Senate empowering the mt to arm and equip two hundred regtmis of infantry, to be composed of pers

Rx-Gov. Randall has been confirmed by the

Tun World lays all the blame of the fallure at Fredericksburg upon the President, General Halleck, and Secretary Stanton. It is not willing to take Gen. Barnaide's word that

GEN, SHERMAN'S expedition down the Misstasippi is said to consist of more than 25,000 Gen. Sherman is said to be an officer of

ability, and it is understood that he will do all that is possible to circumvent the rebets in the Here rests the last the Potomac sends home.

Our Southwesters army is composed largely of men who have seen service, and they will their boast—
It has wared above heroes who've vanquished their hosts. battle comes off.

THE New York World Indulges to an illy distriber upon Secretary Chase. It has no argument to present against the Secretary's plans, hence it abuses him. It is always the colley of knaves and scoundrels to abuse the oen whose arguments they cannot answer

THERE WAS A REPORT on the streets, yesterlay, that a portion of our army had erossed dericksburg, chiefly eavalry. If so, it is a sort of raid after the style of Stewart.

Tm. New York World quotes scripture. A distinguished prototype of that editor did the same thing more than eighteen hundred years

THE New York World ridicules New England, quotes Carlyle against, and other rise shows its hatred of freedom, in obedience to that Mephistophiles, Fernando Woods, who controls this sheet by his money bags.

## INSPECTION OF ARMY HORSES.

THE REPORT OF MR. BARIT.

The following has been received at the head arters of the army :

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19, 1862.
GENERAL: Pursuant to your orders, I visited to Army of the Potomac, on the 19th instant, a inspect the horses and mules in the cavalry,

artillery, and teams of the army.

The movement of troops on that day, and the engagement at Fredericksburg that followed during the six days that I remained with the army, gave me but little opportunity to see the management of the horse department in detail, though I had the opportunity to see them on days.

management of the horse department in detail, though I had the opportunity to see them on duty.

Having gone there very unfavorably impressed, with accounts drawn from the dark side of the picture, by those taking the rejected and disabled horses of the army, as their standpoint, I found these animals in better condition than I had expected. The unit teams, with some exceptions, were in good condition, and doubt if ever an army, under similar circumstances, was better provided for in this respect. The cavalry horses suffer most, and many of them were them scarcely fit for service. The daties that they had to perform—excursions that sometimes require from twenty-four to thirty-six hours without food or rest—the heavy weight they have to carry, and the unskillful manner in which they are ridden, makes it almost impossible to be otherwise, except they were treated with the greatest care. The artilitery horses suffer much, but are a grade better than the cavalry.

The greatest abuse and destruction of the

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tight to their glory—their labors are

How in beauty they waved in the br

To mark the bless'd spot where Liberty reigns.

There's the Flag of the "Seventh," now tattered and term.

How oft in the forefront of battle 'twee borne!

Of the fond eyes that cherished, and the hearts
that adored.

Too many, also 'tidep under the sward,

And here by its side, with its stars still bright, Is the gallant "Fourteenth's" of many a fight. See! its crimson stripes are more deeply red. As it dipped in the blood in defonce of it shed. Tattered and riddled, by bullet and shell,

Tattered and riddled, by builet and shell,
Here rests the old colors remembered so well
By the honored "Nin-tecath," and its shreds
shall tell
Of the brave who survive it, and the martyrs
who feil!
Bedewed with the spray of the salt sea form,
Here's the Figs of the "Tecntieth," from Hatters come. ters come;
And the ters of the living, who mourn their lost brave.
Are bitterer far than the brine of the wave.

"Tis the old" Twenty swenth's," their pride and

Then here on these walls let the old Flags remainTell the glories they've witnessed again and

again, And when the last fibre shall cling to the wall, Let it set our hearts bounding to Liberty's call! WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 1862.

The "Lorsi's" Soldioquy-Long-fello

The "Lorar's" Soliboury—Long-fellow outs-long fellowed.

In December, dark and dreary, sat the writer weak and weary, pondering o'er his memoranda book of items used before—book of serawling head-notes, rather, items taken days together, item in hot and sullry weather, using up much time and leather—pondering we these items o'er. While we pondered, slowly rocking, (through our mind queer ideas flocking) came a quick and servous knocking—knocking at the sanctum door. "Sure, that must be denks," we muttered—"Jenks that's knocking at our door; Jenks the vertissing bore."

Ah, how well do we remind us, in the walls that there confined us, "exchanges" lay behind us all senttered o'er the floor. Thought we Jenks wants to borrow some newspapers till tomorrow, and t'will be selled from sorrow to gerid of Jenks the bore, by opening wide the door. Still the visitor kept knocking—knocking louder than before.

And the senttered pile of papers cut some

Jenks the nameless everyore.

But the form that stood before us caused a frembling to come o'er us, and memory quickly bore us back again to days of yore; days when "items" were in plenty, and where'er this writer went he picked up items by the score. "Iwas the dark form of our "devil," thrust in attitude puncivil, and he thrust his head, within the door, with—"The foreman's ont of copy, sir, and says he wants some more." Yes; like Alexander, twanted more!

Now this "local" had already walked about till nearly dead—he had sauntered through the city till his feet were very sore—walked though the streets so dusty, and by by-ways running off, into all portions of the city, both public and obsaure—had examined every store, and had questioned every "feller" whom he met from door to door, if anything was stirring—any accident occurring—not published hereforer, and had met with no success, he would rather kinder gues he feit a little wicked at that ugly little bore, with his message from the foreman, that rhe wanted "something more."

"Now, "tis time you were departing, you young limp," cried we upstarting, "get you



ELECTION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

ERNORSHIP OF VIRGINIA.
HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTO

hmond papers contain a dispatch freeston, dated the 19th, announcing tha

numbers of them appeared on the Confederale troops in Frederickstory yesterday, during a flag of true.

Gen. Busham has been unanimously elected governor of South Carolina; in place of Gen. Maxcy Gregg, who was killed in the recent battle of Fredericksburg.

Ex-Governor Wise is spoken of as a prominent candidate for governor of Virginia.

Sr. Lours, Dec. Rt.—Advices have been reevived by Gen. Curtis from Bring Gen. Dayla,
commanding at Columbus, Ky., to the effect
that he is receiving reinforcements in ample
acasen to prepare him against the contingeneies of an attack upon that post.
He don't blank that any attack is meditated
by the enemy in that direction.
As to the injury said to have been doubt-to
the sailroad, Gen. Davis has not fully assertained the extent, but expects to repair it as
once.

Cincipnett, Dec. 24.—Advices from Laxington, Ky., report fears of a raid by Floyd and Humphrey Marshall, who are in great force from Western Virginia. They are rapidly advancing through Found Gap. A movement of our troops has taken place from Richmond, Kenincky, that will relieve Eastern Kentucky from this new invasion.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The steemer Section has been arrived at this port, bearing Hong Kong dates to the 20th October, and from Shaughae ou the 8th November; also leaving Kanaghawa on the 20th October, and from Shaughae ou the 8th November; also leaving Kanaghawa on the 20th October, and from Shaughae ou the 8th November; also leaving Kanaghawa on the 20th Inc. 3th Inc

The revolution in Japan is complete. The Ty coon has been stripped of nearly alf his specia privilegee.

There is considerable inquiry among the Japanese for steamships, to establish a line between Oracars and Tokahows.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Tribune.

Headquarters Right Grand Division,
December 22, 1862.

The roads having again become hard an
mooth, it is quite possible that the Army of

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And the scattered pile of papers cut some very curious capers, being lifted by the breezes coming through another door; and we whale (the wish was evil for one decemed always civil) that Jenks was to the devil, to stay there every curious capers, being lifted by the breezes coming through another door; and we whale (the wish was evil for one decemed always civil) that Jenks was to the devil, to stay there every curious capers, being lifted by the breezes coming through another door; and we whale (the wish was evil for one decemed always civil) that Jenks was to the devil, to stay there every curious capers, being lifted by the breezes coming through another door; and we whale (the wish was evil for one decemed always civil) that Jenks was to the devil, to stay there every not to find his lore—Jenks, "said we, "your pardon, your forgiveness, we implore, but the fact is we were reading of some curious proceeding, and thus it was unbeeding your loud knocking there before."

Here we opened wide the door. But fancy now our phelinx—for it wann't Jeaks the bore—Jenks the nameless everanore.

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pecting a commission as Major General and promotion to the command of a corps, who in all his conversation denounced every member of the Administration in the most violent, terms, from the Chief Executive to his humblest secretary. In his tent I found the World, the Journal of Commerce, and the Hereld, This general was strongly suspected of disloyally jast winter, and his name, I think, was before the Committee on the Conduct of the War, but more industrial generals of higher rank, but of no sounder principles, managed to get his appointment confirmed and confidence in him restored.

Of one thing I am satisfied, from a very intimate acquaintiance with many generals, that the Army of the Potomac will never take Richmond or win a victory until a thorough overhanding of all the officers is made. It must be cleared of all the dialoyal generals, and there

They both agreed as to the impracticability of marching troops at such a time.

Capt. Montaith and Lieut, Weld, both of the Porter's staff, were summened and tost

Wassissuar, December 24.

The cross-examination of Gen. Siget was roughtinged. He stated that he had never received any defaults propositions from Gen. McDowell concerning the defense of Theroughtare Gap, and had known nothing of a division said to have been sent him by Gen. McDowell, whilst resting at Waserton bridge. He was aware of no preparations by Gen. McDowell to meet the enemy at Thoroughfare Gap; and being asked if anything looking to such an end had been provided in general order No. 10, he replied that it had.

The court adjourned till Friday, at cleven

ARRIVAL OF GRANGALS POSTER AN Gen. Foster strived here yesterday, and had intervieus with the President and Secretary of War, relative to business connected with his ommand in North Carolina.

Gen. Slocum also arrived here yesterday.

DECISION OF COMMISSIONER OF INTERNA REVENUE.—Slaughtered hogs, weighing m than 150 pounds each, shall be estimated assessors as exceeding six months old.

THE RICHMOND PAPERS are somewhat ele at their successes at the battle of Free

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